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The Temple Pilgrim(age) Fathers Harmonize On Pilgrimage Theme Song

In the cartoon we see three Berkeley stake temple Pilgrim(age) Fathers, Delbert Rock, Wesley O'Dell and Nathan Tolman giving as a sort of barbrship trio, warbling one of the proposed June Temple pilgrimage theme songs.

These serious minded pilgram (age) Fathers are hot on the trail for a suitable theme song, and are tracking down any clue however hidden. It is understood that several original compositions set to popular or well known melodies have been submitted. It is one of these that the trio is here seen testing. They declare that they earnestly seek many, many more so as to have as wide a choice as possible to lay before the theme song committee for adjudication.

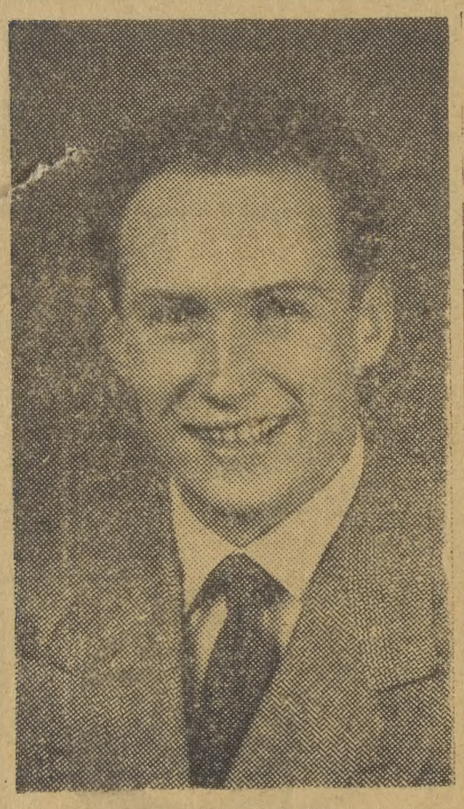
The Pilgrimage committee is headed by Delbert W. Rock who wishes to announce from the tree tops that this search should continue for only a few more weeks longer. In fact the deadline for these theme songs will have to be "nailed to the mast" in the near future.

After the winning composition is announced, then it will have to be duplicated, distributed to the wards, practiced and perfected, ready to stir the blood of the members and bring an early enlistment for the first annual temple pilgrimage in June, 1950. To your pens and paper, my mates!

For suggestions helpful in writing words for the Temple Pilgrimage theme song let it be said that one could consult the December Messenger where on page one are ideas for several verses were outlined. As for the melody let it be recalled how many "madeup" words have each of us sung at one time or another to the tune of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," for instance. Many LDS songs would serve the same end.

The Pilgrim(age) Fathers await your hearty response at the earliest possible moment.

Two Missionaries Sent From Berkeley's Claremont Ward to Preach the Gospel



JOS. C. WOOD

DARYL DANGERFIELD

Two popular young men of Claremont ward will soon be departing for missions. Elder Joseph C. Wood, son of the Joseph Earl Woods and Elder Daryl Dangerfield, son of Clarence A. Dangerfield.

Joe will journey to the Texas-Louisana Mission headquarters, located at Houston, Texas, while Daryl will abor in the Northwestern States Mission whose headquarters are at Chicago.

Eder Wood's farewell comes first, being set for Friday, January 6, 1950, at 7:30 in the Berkeley chapel, Vine and Walnut streets. Dary wi have his going away party at the same chapel Friday, January 27, 1950.

Excellent programs for these elders have been arranged; also dancing and refreshments. Please put these two dates on your must list, is the request of the bishop and the committee for the parties.

Oak. Stake News

By MILDRED MORGAN.

MISSIONARY FAREWELLS

Two missionaries from Oakland stake who are soon to leave for missions afield are Lewis Jackson, Dimond ward, and Bruce Morgan, of Alameda ward. Lewis will labor in Uruguay while Bruce has been assigned to the Southern States Mission, headquerters of which are located in Atlanta, Georgia.

A leave-taking party for Bruce will be held Wednesday, January 18, at the Alameda chapel, Grand and Encinal avenues, Alameda. Lewis was given a delightful farewell in the Dimond chapel, Wednesday, January 4, 1950.

It is interesting to note that Bruce Morgan will be laboring in the Southern States Mission, the same mission of which his grandfather, John Morgan, then one of the First Presidents of Seventy, was the organizer. Lewis Jackson is the fourth son of Preston Jackson to fill fulltime missions, three sons and one daughter, Gloria, soon to return home.

Oakland stake now has 26 full time missionaries in the Church. This number, however, is considerably short of the allotment of the stake, which is set at one percent of the stake population. It is hoped soon to reach and exceed this figure by Oakland stake.

RELIEF SOCIETY NEWS

Oakland stake Relief Society sent 18 sacks of clothing to Lola Shumway, the president of the Maricopa stake, Arizona, Relief Society, to be distributed among the destitute Indians near Phoenix.

The Oakland stake welfare budget has now been allotted to the wards and quorums, and the prospects are for 100 per cent production at least.

BYU STUDENTS

Two bus loads of happy BYU students arrived to spend the Christmas vacation in their homes in the east bay region. Among them were Bonnie Kitzberger, Philip and Gene Humpherye, Loraine Hunt, Richard, Susan Ream, LuAnn Wright, Harold Clayson, and Jerry Crandell, Val Winkle came home from the U. of U. for the holidays.

STAKE CONFERENCE

Oakland stake quarterly conference will be held in the stake chapel Saturday and Sunday, January 21 and 22, 1950. The name of the visiting Authority has not been announced. The music again will be outstanding inasmuch as the Mormon Male Chorus will furnish the numbers for the Sunday sessions under the leadership of their veteran leader, Robert Sant of Concord.

DONNA WALL RECITALS

Donna Wall, talented violinist of the Oakland ward, has been appearing in Sunday afternoon recitals at the auditorium of the College of the Holy Names, 21st and Webster, Oakland, where Donna will receive a degree from the music department. January 22, at 3 p.m., she will be the featured number on the program there.

Alameda County Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Review Year's Work

The Alameda County Company of the DUP met at the home of Anna Patton in Berkeley, December 8, 1949, for the regular business session followed by seasonal refreshments.

It is felt that this has been one of the most outstanding years of the Daughters' county organization. Two historical centennial monuments have been sponsored and erected in the San Joaquin valley commemorating the planting of the first wheat and also the expedition of the first sail launch into the great interior valley 103 years ago by the Mormon pioneers from "ye good ship Brooklyn."

The Alameda County Company have plans for marking still other interesting and important historical places in Alameda and in Santa Clara counties.

The Alamenda County company has reorganized a county camp at Richmond which is in Contra Costa county.

What's Happening In Utah?

(Clippings from the Daily Deseret News)

● Before we go farther we should say in all fairness to the rejuvenated and vastly enlarged and improved Deseret News that there is no paper published in the bay region that excells the Deseret News today. This by any standard of newspaper excellence: number of special departments, excellence of matter and composition and editorship, number of colored supplements (kodochrome), and the style of makeup. The nation's top man in newspaper makeup has spent weeks in Salt Lake City with the News staff so as to incorporate the very latest ideas of news coverage and presentation. Th News is truly tops today.

● Western colleges are considering reciprocal sharing of specialized opportunities. This involves the possible creation of area professional schools. Thus the University of Colorado has agreed to take medical students from South Dakota, Wyoming and New Mexico for $2700 a year for each student, paid by the home state. Perhaps the U. of U. will take medical students from Idaho, Nevada, and Arizona. Other schools could enter the plan.

● Bids are just opened for remodeling and making one of the most modern and beautiful museums in the country at the U. of U. Park building to house the $500,000 art gift from Mrs. Richard Hudnutt of N. Y. C. Remodeling will cost about $230,000.

● One of the nation's most tragic cities is Park City, Utah, with its 3700 residents. The low price of metals currently, the high wages and costs of material has forced the closing of the mines which support the town. The people say they can't and won't move away from their own homes; the

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Stake Missionaries Seen in Vision

By MILDRED MORGAN
Alameda Ward

When Oscar Fontano and Ether M. Davies were tracting along Santa Clara avenue in Alameda, Calif., while they were stake missionaries, Brother Fontano rang the door bell to an upper flat and was invited by a lady's voice from upstairs to: "Come on up; I am crippled and can't walk down."

Elder Fontano gave the lady his introductory talk. Then the lady asked him to step closer to the light for she wanted to see his face. Then she said: "Last Sunday I heard a broadcast by a Latter-day Saint and he said: 'If any missionaries come to your door, receive their message, for it will be important to you.'"

She scrutinizingly looked ata Elder Fontano and said: "That night I prayed that God would send those missionaries to me; I was given a vision and I saw you, and you gave me books of the word of God."

She read the Church literature given to her by the two missionaries and soon moved away. Recently Brother W. Aird MacDonald told Brother Fontano that she now is a faithful member of the Stockton ward, and had told him of her conversion in Alameda under the circumstances related above.

Lucky Clovers and Special Interest Parties Have Fun

The Lucky Clovers of Oakland stake spent a most enjoyable New Year's Eve at Alameda ward recreation hall dancing in the new year among new and old friends.

Gratifying was the presence of many of our college students who are home for the holidays at this dance. The highlight of the evening, aside from the wonderful music, was the old fashioned box lunch that climaxed this memorable dance.

Tribute goes to the M Men and Gleaner officers and their advisors who so ably arranged the entire affair, truly a lovely dance.

Our Special Interest Age group was not forgotten on New Year's Eve They enjoyed one of the best stake dancing parties anyone can recall—thanks to the able chairmanship of Sister Erva Wilson. At midnight a delicious smorgasbord was served that was simply out of this world. The smorgasbord was something new and hence was really enjoyed it.

Our Special Interest parties are growing and it is pleasant to see the brothers and sisters partake of the spirit of friendship that comes from participation in events such as this one.

May the New Year bring even greater activity and enjoyment in our MIA program. May God's many blessings be upon all those who participate in and help foster this wonderful program.

Make Tuesday night family nite at Mutual. —Douglas Swanson.

Messenger Special Easter April Edition Entire Bay Area Business, Professional Directory and Gazeteer Planned

The Messenger of the Oakland and Berkeley Stakes of Zion will present Bay Area with its first and most complete business and professional directory and gazeteer, it is announced.

This enlarged edition of the only Church organ in Northern California will appear as the April-Easter issue of the Messenger. It will be in the hands of its readers before the ninth of April which is the date of Easter Sunday, 1950.

Local colony members have long expressed the desirability of a comprehensive directory of our people. It has been pointed out that such a publication would be a convenience to people seeking friendly business and professional contacts, and also for the general association and information of all local members and their many friends.

It is felt that we should know one another better. After all our Sunday and Auxiliary association together is for but a small fraction of our total waking hours during the week.

Nothing but good, it is said, can come from closer fraternal interest and cooperation. The Mormon people believe their religion is a working fellowship and makes one vitally and sincerely interested in the temporal as well as in the spiritual welfare, one of another.

A religion that cannot train people to work together, trade together, to play and worship together is not in harmony with our heritage and tradition. Any other tendency seems to be accepted as understandable. although free and full association and cooperation and fraternigation with all good citizens is commended and encouraged, and has always gone hand in hand, with fervent loyalty to one another in the Church.

The enlarged April-Easter Messenger calls for ardent and united effort and cooperation. Business and professional personnel will be displayed by means of action pictures, cartoons, and lively script in double presentation. First by wards in the fore part of The Messenger; then alphabetically by cards as in the yellow pages of telephone directories.

Professional commercial artists and photographers have already been engaged in addition to our own skillful men of the bulb and flashlight.

Committees are at work. Information and correspondence and many suggestions are heartily solicited. Write to the editor, 1612 Spruce, Berkeley.

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Lloyd Johnson In Mexico

Lloyd Johnson of the Berkeley stake high council is currently sunning himself in Oaxaca, about 250 miles south of Mexico City. Leaving Berkeley shortly before Christmas he made some kind of a speed record drive to Loredo on the border in three days, and hurried by too high Mexico City for the lower elevations of 5000 feet at Oaxaca. He will turn his camera on Monta Albans ruins and the Milta ruins not far from Oaxaca, and have some visiting with the elders thereabouts.

Mrs. Lloyd, who was unable to go with her husband this time, said Lloyd boasted he was sitting in his shirt sleeves writing the letter she received December 28. After "doing" the ruins and sights about Oaxaca, Elder Johnson plans to shift operations over to the peninsula of Yucatan. Last year when the Johnsons spent a vacation together in Mexico they did not visit Yucatan, so that this leg of Lloyd's pilgrimage will be all new to him. That peninsula hides in its forests vast ancient ruins that have been the object of archeological study over the last century. Now we will see what Lloyd can make of them. He will be home early in February.

The Messenger's Platform For 1950

1. The Messenger stands for progress in the Berkeley and Oakland stakes' standing in the Presiding Bishops' Monthly Comparative Report of Stakes' Standing.
2. Every Melchazedek Priesthood quorum an active Welfare Project.
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6. A full quota of local stake missionaries in each ward.
7. 100% ward teaching in each ward of the two stakes each month of the year.

Apostle of Reorganized Church Spoke on B. of M.

Paul Hanson, president of the Council of Twelve Apostles of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, discussed the Book of Mormon before a large audience at the Special Interest class of the MIA in Dimond ward, Tuesday evening, December 20, 1949.

Apostle Hanson has traveled extensively in Mexico, South America and Central America studying the ancient ruins and taking colored photographs. He is a keen student of the Book of Mormon and has written an excellent book entitled: "Jesus Christ Among the Ancient Americans."

This book can be purchased from the Deseret Book Store in Salt Lake City for $2.50. It is one of the best books published today concerning evidences of the authenticity of the Book of Mormon. Thomas S. Ferguson, Dimond ward author of "Cumorah, Where?" says this is the best book available on the subject.

A large audience, with many special visitors, enjoyed Apostle Hanson's illustrated lecture. One of the most impressive photographs was taken at the ruins of Yaxichilan in southern Mexico. The picture showed two beautiful crosses extending from the top of which were feathers of the Quetzal bird, a symbol of Christ. It was interesting to observe the Quetzal feather symbols used in conjunctions with the cross, both being symbols of the "Fair God," which, of course, refers to Christ who visited his people in America.

Patriarch I. B. Ball of Berkeley made arrangements for the lecture. The speaker was introduced by Thomas S. Ferguson. It is interesting to note that nothing in the entire lecture was in conflict in any way with our "Mormon" views concerning the Nephite scripture. President Harmon and a group from Berkeley ward heard Paul Hanson deliver this same lecture at the Reorganized church chapel in Berkeley, Sunday evening, December 18.

Fairfield News

Maxine Campbell Reporter

With the start of the new year, 1950, Fairfield Branch is still so small in membership that all who have a "spirit to serve" are holding important positions in several organizations at one time; however, President Orlin I. Olver and hs counselors. J. Alden Blasdell and H. Grant Bleazard, report a definite increase over last year's figures and are optimistic in stating that the time is not too far off when we will be a ward instead of a branch.

Attendance at correlation meeting has increased every month to the delight of the branch presidency. At the January 2 meeting Sister LaVon Allen was the speaker, her subject being. "The Spirit of Service." A non-member, Mrs. Helen Ellis, was present and sang two religious songs in most reverent manner. Refreshments of home made cookies and chocolate were served at the conclusion of the meeting.

The Priesthood project undertaken by Fairfield-Suisun men is that of making cement building blocks with which to build homes for one another and. possibly, to build a house, then sell it to add money to the building fund. The men first met together to build a shelter for the block making machine and cement mixer.

A Special Interest party scheduled for January 6 will feature a ham dinner with all the trimmings followed by an interesting program.

An excellent Christmas program was given Christmas morning by the Sunday school. First counselor in the Sunday School superintendency Bro. er Wursten was in charge.

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Road Show, Sweetheart Ball, MIA Calendar

Berkeley Stake's Great Mutual Plans Are Nearly Completed

ANNUAL ROAD SHOW

Preparations are complete for the second annual road show of the Berkeley Stake MIA scheduled for Vallejo, Thursday, January 12; Martinez, Friday, January 13, Martinez and at Berkeley Saturday, January 14.

Road show acts from each ward will be presented on each of the three nights and will permit a maximum attendance of ward members from each section of the stake with a minimum of time spent in travel.

Reports from ward recreational leaders promise high standards of entertainment and cultural value, and that competition for superior ratings will be keen.

Harold Gaisford, Adell Kay and Joseph L. Brown have been selected to judge the performances and to rate all acts superior, excellent, honorable mention and good in accordance with the number of points earned for originality, theme, adaptation of material at hand, number of participants and production (characterizations, setting, voices and make-up). Each of these items will be given proper values and the points earned will then determine the rating to be given each act.

A large attendance is anticipated at each showing.

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LUCKY CLOVER DANCE

Business and pleasure was the order of the day at the Lucky Clover Christmas dance of the Stake M Men, Gleaners, Junior M Men and Junior Girls. The dance was held at the Berkeley Recreation hall on Monday, December 26, 1949, with a large, jolly crowd filling the hall to capacity.

At the dance intermission new presidents of the M Men and the Gleaners were elected. Wayne E. Mayhew, Jr., was elected president of the M Men while Rosemary Scott was named as president of the Gleaners, with Ina Hopkins as vice president. These officers succeed Clifford Peery and Marguerite Petrie who were honorably released because of the pressure of personal affairs and departure from the city. All other officers of the two organizations were retained.

The theme of the dance was "Santa's Workshop," and was followed with a setting of toys in the workshop. Icicles were used for overhead decorations and a large Christmas tree and mural of Santa and his reindeer.

Jack Smith, Berkeley ward's M Men president, was chairman of dance committee and Nadine Williams, also of Berkeley, was in charge of the decorations.

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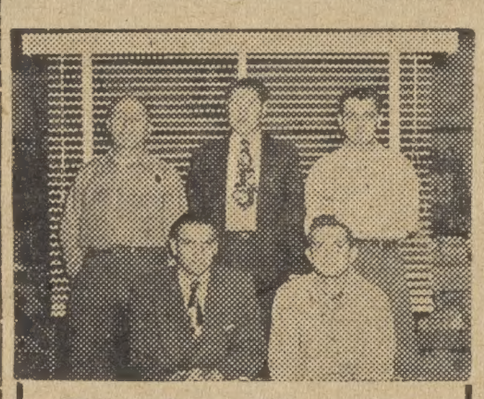

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Berkeley Ward

FIRST WARD

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The ward bishopric wish to express their appreciation to the members of the Berkeley First ward for their cooperation during the past year. Many have rendered wonderful service in various ways. Especially do we wish to thank the ward officers and teachers for their devoted services many of which are unseen and unsung. but still are the basic ballbearings on which the ward activities run so smoothly. The cooperation with the Berkeley Second ward has been hearty and effective. Our ward clerk deserves special mention.

Biishop Gardner and his counselors, Albert Braby and Dilworth Jensen wish to extend to all the ward membership and their families the best wishes of the new year for peace and prosperity in every way. May the Lord bless every one of you.

It was delightful to see the students home for the holidays. From the BYU came Eunice Harmon, Patricia Russell, George Sorensen, Reed Tolman. Dick Huish, Douglas Stone, Martha Leigh, Mayhew and Carolyn Johnson. Also from the U. of U. came Joan Gardner Barker and Allan Barker, her husband, both of whom are students at the University, Allan being a pre-medic.

The two wards had a most delightful New Year's party, dancing to a fine orchestra, and enjoying wonderful decorations and the refreshments. Special thanks go out to the decoration committee: Joan Hickman, Clarence "Woody', Bates and Don Merrill.

The ward Primary and the Sunday School held a remarkably clever and beautiful Christmas party for all the young people of the two wards in the recreation hall the Monday evening before Christmas.

The ward choir under the efficient leadership of Dean Farnsworth, gave a lovely Christmas recital Sunday evening.

Bishop Gardner has received letters from our two Argentine missionaries, Bud Stone and Del Rock. They are doing fine and are very happy in their labors in the ministry this hot summer in that southern hemisphere. We wish them the blessing of the Lord in abundance.

The bishopric announces that assessments on the Stake Building Fund assigned to the Berkeley First Ward have now been made out, and that during the month of January the families of the ward will be contacted personally to secure complete understanding and cooperation.

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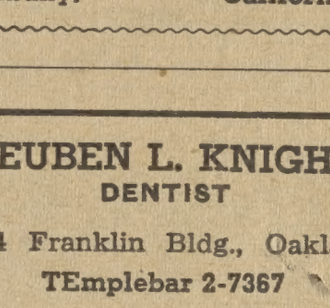

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(By the Oakland and Berkeley Stake reporters who seem to have gotten into a huddle, all steamed up—or something).

NOW LISTEN YOU! And we do mean all you executives of stake organizations: stake quorums, stake auxiliaries, stake missionaries, and regular stake activity leaders, space in The Messenger is reserved to help your organization; the bishops are paying for every copy to be mailed into every LDS home in the East Bay. The paper is always crowded for space, but it isn't that we are talking about.

NOW LISTEN CLOSELY. If you want this space, please get your material into the stake reporters' hands not later than the 20th of each month. Then you can phone last minute items to us or directly to Brother Ball up to the 28th of the month, as a rule. Changes in the **printers' set-up make it necessary to allow him more time to set up our copy, but we can crowd in last minute essentials so as to keep your news right up to date.**

But don't call Ye Messenger Editor at the last moment as he is leaving to put the paper to bed, briefcase in hand, hat on the back of his head, and one arm in his overcoat sleeve and tell him to be sure to get your complete news in this issue. So, remember, beginning January, 1950, the 20th of each month will be the dead line for the regular stake news.

Here are your stake reporters, though you can always know them by the masthead at the top of column one on page two The Messenger.

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BERKELEY STAKE MIA CALENDAR

JANUARY, 1950

Wed. 4—Board meetings, all auxiliaries—Berkeley Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
Sun. 8—MIA Leadership meeting, 2 p.m., Vallejo Chapel.
Wed. 11—Deadline for Era subscriptions.
Thurs. 12—Road Show—8 p.m.—Vallejo Recreational hall.
Fri. 13—Road Show—8 p.m.—Martinez Recreational hall
Sat. 14—Road Show—8 p.m.—Berkeley Recreational hall.

FEBRUARY, 1950

Sat. 4—Stake Gleaners and Mothers' party, 8 p.m., Berkeley Recreational hall.
Wed. 8—Board meeting—all Auxiliaries—Berkeley Chapel 7:30 p.m.
Fri. 10—Sweetheart Ball—Scottish Rite Ballroom—Oakland.

BERKELEY STAKE NEWS

The Season's Greetings and Future Events

EDITED BY ANNA PATTON, 1915 Rose Street, Berkeley.

Greetings from the stake presidency, W. Glenn Harmon, Wayne E. Mayhew, Emery R. Ranker and Stake Clerk Elwood Meredith: We appreciate all the splendid cooperation of each Church member at meetings, on the Welfare projects, and in all the activities in which they have participated. Unitedly we can make 1950 a better year for Berkeley Stake.

RELIEF SOCIETY

President Vera Mayhew and the entire board express gratitude to all loyal ward workers, class leaders, and visiting teachers.

Sister Mayhew and her first counselor, Maybelle Anderson, entertained the ward leaders of the Visiting Teachers' Topic Lessons at a luncheon at the Mayhew home, Friday, December 9. The discussion centered about the plans for the Stake Teachers Convention, especially for ward visiting teachers which will be held at the Berkeley chapel Friday, February 3, 1950.

Each ward visiting teacher is urged to arrange to be there for the convention is for their especial enjoyment. Fine program, refreshments and a real refresher for the wonderful work of visiting teaching.

The regular Union Meeting for Berkeley stake Relief Society convenes Friday afternoon, January 6 at the Richmond chapel.

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Those of you who were fortunate to attend the book review and luncheon December 12, sponsored by the Berkeley Camp No. 1, DUP, and heard the beautiful vocal solos of Vera Meredith and joined in the singing of the Christmas carols, and partook of the excellent luncheon can realize the cultural, spiritual and educational standards set by this organization.

In fact the whole affair, book review, singing, luncheon and decorations was a real treat and fitting climax to a successful year's accomplishments. Places were set for 53 ladies.

After the luncheon the wife of Centennial Commissioner and Alameda School Superintendent Dr. William Paden, Irene Paden, author of "The Wake of the Prairie Schooner," reviewed the sequel to that volume , her new book, "Detours of the Prairie Schooner," in which she deals with the Lassen and the Hastings Cutoffs. Mrs. Paden and her husband are authorities on these and the Mormon trails over which they have travelled doing research work every summer for the last score or more of years.

Her friendly, informal presentation as to how she works to glean and gather and prove her material was vitalized by her charming personality. In fact the listeners came to feel as though they had been over the trails with her in her jeep, or even with the pioneers with their faithful, dependable oxen.

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OUR MISSIONARIES AWAY FROM HOME REMEMBERED

Throughout the stake many reports come from those who received cheerful season's greetings from our missionaries who are away from home carrying the message of the Gospel in the mission fields of the Church in many lands.

Berkeley

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Bishop Ward Green, speaking for the bishopric, wishes everyone a happy New Year and would like for everyone to include in their New Year's resolutions a resolve to attend church in 1950 and take an active part.

The Second Ward is growing. This month the bishop received the happy news that Leon and Kay Baer have purchased a new home in our ward and will be with us next month. Welcome, Kay and Leon, and all the little Baers. We are sure you will add much to our meetings and activities.

Elder Reed Harker has returned from the French Mission. He was sent from Claremont ward, but since he left his family have moved to the Second Ward. Elder Rulon Ogden has returned from the Argentine Mission. He was sent from the Oakland ward but his family joined the second ward while Rulon was away.

He will be our speaker Sunday evening, January 8th, along with Brother Charles Myler of East Richmond ward.

The bishop wishes to express his thanks to all those who made our Christmas programs so successful. It was nice to see all the college students who returned for the holidays from BYU; Barbara Green, Laura Summerhayes, Robert Brinton, Lenore Reem and James Watkinson from Stanford.

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All have had a pleasant holiday vacation and now with the New Year, let us start a new year right, and form the habit of attending all our various Church auxiliary organizations and sacrament meetings. We have the best leaders, and much time is devoted by teachers in preparing excellent lesson material. Come out and enjoy Sunday School, Mutual, Relief Society, Primary—and don't foryet; it is a commandment of the Lord that we attend our Sacrament meeting.

Babies blessed during the month of December were Melodie Ann, the daughter of Allan and Olga Barker, and Linda Ruth, daughter of Ben and Shirley Cragun.

Programs held on Christmas day were very outstanding. The chorus under the direction of Rodney Pocock, and the children's chorus under the direction of Patsy Craig, furnished the music for Sunday morning along with various vocal and instrumental solos, and a wonderful story by Ruth Thomas. Sunday evening we wish to pay tribute to our two young directors, Gil Larsen and Vivian Williams, who so capably directed a chorus composed of Mutual members.

We were fortunatae in having President Glenn Shaw as the reader for this program. Incidentally, Gil Larsen was one of the featured soloists at the Christmas program at Fremont High; and we heard Vivian had the opportunity of talking to Norman Stockton, who is in South Africa on his mission, on Christmas Eve. We appreciate the wonderful talent we have in our ward, and wish to use it extensively in the future.

Speaking of talent we should include Jean and Bonnie Bramwell and Shirley McAulley on the program of "The Nutcracker Suite," a children's fantasy put on by the pupils of Alice Zwillenger in the Alameda high school, on December 17, 1949. This was the first time the girls danced in their toe shoes; the entire production was very lovely.

We should be ahle to get a good report on the Rose Bowl game, as several of our ward members are planning to attend the game.

Pat Mower, home from Harvard for the holidays, reports that he enjoyed a wonderful visit with our missionary, Dean Mann, in Boston, recently.

Congratulations to Joanne Turner and Lester B. Farnsworth, who were married by Bishop Janison, November 26, in Reno, Nevada. A lovely reception was held at the Turner home for the young couple on December 18, 1949.

"Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of oneself and appreciatin whatever is noble and loving in another."

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Claremont Ward

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of you good Saints from Claremont Ward.!

Reed Harker, that handsome young son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harker, who spent the past two years in the French Mission, has returned home arriving just in time to spend Christmas with his family and friends. Reed will be the speaker in Sacrament meeting January 22, and we extend an invitation too each of you to be in attendance to hear him. Welcome home, Reed, and may you find happiness in Claremont ward; we are glad to have you with us again.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Poll enjoyed a surprise visit during the Christmas holidays from this friendly couple. Dick, as you will remember, is a professor at the BYU in Provo.

Marjorie and Eaarl Remington spent Christmas with the Don C. Wood family. We were glad to see you Marjorie. Do come again soon.

Mrs. Klesner Lowry held open house on Christmas day for the many friends of her daughter, Glenna, who announced her engagement to Ed Melzer, a very handsome young man from Glendale, California. The festive cake was decorated with two hearts and Cupid's Arrow; a spirit of romance radiated throuhout the afternoon, one to be remembered forever by Glenna and Ed. Glenna spent New Year's in Glendale and Long Beach where she was entertained by Ed's family at several dinner parties, etc.

GAISFORD-WOODCOCK: Shirley Woodcock, that beautiful and charming daughter of L. S. Woodcock, and Dave Gaisford, that tall, handsome son of LaVern Gaisford, were married in the Piedmont Community Church January 2, 1949. Dr. Holland Burr and Bishop A. Selden Millward officiated at the ceremony. The bride was pretty in her wedding gown of white satin and harmonizing accessories.

The flower girl, Miss Patty Gaisford, a niece of the groom, and the bridesmaids wore pale green and gold brocade gowns which were purchased in China by Shirley during one of her flights to that country. D. B. Woodcock, a nephew of the bride, was ring bearer. The reception was held on the Lido Deck of the Hotel Claremont, high-a-top the hills in Berkeley overlooking the San Francisco Bay area which added much dignity and romance to the occasion. Dave and Shirley are spending their honeymoon in Sun Valley, Idaho, that ski and skating resort. Oh! Cn't you just hear Dave singing, "Baby, it's cold outside."

Barbara Bugan, Julia Ellsworth, Margarett Petry and Kenny Leth, all college students, were home for the Christmas holidays. Nice seeing you again. Stanly and Edna Cardwell have returned home after spending a week with their daughter and son and their families in Hollywood. California.

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What's Happening In Utah?

(Continued from page one)

mines say they can't start up except on some share and share plan as to wages. The unions say that is out.

● Fred G. Taylor, Jr., a born and bred Utahan two months ago was appointed to take over the most strategically located and most important radio station in Europe, the American controlled RIAS in Berlin.

● Ben E. Lingenfelter, a city commissioner in Salt Lake City, is advocating revision of Utah's liquor control laws to allow sale by the drink (tavern and bars). The law observance and enforcement committee of Salt Lake county (largely our LDS), are vigorously answering the arguments.

● The Utah turkey association is originating a national movement for "turkey by the piece" sale of the usual Thanksgiving birds so as to encourage all the year use of turkey meat by the average American.

● The U. of U. will soon boast two new structures on its ample campus: a Cancer Research building, $416,000, paid for by Cancer Research Council; and a $2,500,000 Student Union, the entire cost being laid on the line by student-donated money.

● The BYU 50-voice Delta Phi Chorus makes an annual December tour into southern Idaho cities. Composed of returned missionaries and other selected quartets and sextettes, the group attended a special session in the Idaho Falls Temple, December 20.

● Harold L. Snow, M.D., bishop of San Pedro ward, Long Beach, stake has been elected president of the Southern Branch of the Los Angles county medical association.

● In Utah only 11.1 per cent of all workers are farmers. 55 per cent are in industries covered by social security and 21 per cent are empoyed by the federal or the state government.

● Utah's big coal reserves are regarded as the bulwark of western industrial development. Wyoming leads the nation in coal reserves, but Utah's geographical position is more favorable as a center.

● Each Unitah-Ouray Tribe member will receive $125 soon. This is due to a total payment of $190,000 due in December from leasing rights and land rentals by oil companies.

● The Ladies Home Journal has accepted for publication an article by Mrs. Bea Carrol, dean of girls at Davis county high school, Utah. "How to Get Along with Women" comes out of years at personal work with Douglas Aircraft and North American Avia-

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Greetings from Japan

By VINAL and ETHEL MAUSS.

Readers of the Messenger:

Greetings and best wishes to you all from us in this fairyland of Japan. We are happy to report that we are all well and very happy in our work here. It has been such a pleasant surprise to see what a fine start has been made by the missionaries for the church in Japan.

The enthusiasm of the people for christianity is only overshadowed by the diligence of the missionaries. There are opportunities galore for preaching the gospel, a veritable "Hunters' Paradise."

By the end of the year there will be fifty missionaries in Japan and enough work to keep ten times that many busy. With our present corp of 37 we are holding 75 weekly meetings with an average weekly attendance of nearly four thousand people in the 11 branches.

Since the mission was reopened in March 1948, there have been 150 baptisms. Twenty-five more than were baptized in the 23 years the mission was opened before.

It is a wonderful country with wonderful people and unheard of opportunities for missionary work. We invite you to join us.

As we come to this season of the year we should like to extend the season's greetings with a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all.

Sincerely,

VINAL AND ETHEL MAUSS.

(Note: Vinal enclosed a map of Japan, locating the 11 branches and showing the average weekly attendance and number of elders for each branch.)

Richmond Ward

NORMA PASSEY.

Those who have not been contacted, and who still wish to renew or subscribe for the Era will please see the MIA officers. We have no appointed Era drive directors as yet.

The ward Christmas party was a huge success, good program, Primary play, and MIA numbers.

Our young men are advancing in the priesthood. It is good to hear that Ray Labrum is now a teacher, and that Ray Evans is an elder. We are proud of our excellent M Men basketball team and we are looking forward to a full and successful year.

Our Fireside which meets Sunday evenings announces a wonderful time ahead in our Fireside Chats this year. Come and bring your friends. Nadine Stoddard is president and Melvin, the teacher. Some good topics for discussion are coming up.

As your ward reporter I would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

In the sight of the Lord, the soul of man is most important, and this is you and I. The Lord has said, "This is my work and my glory to bring to pass the salvation and eternal life of man," also, 'Man is that he may have joy.', Thus man's eternal life of joy is the Lord's program for us.

During the holiday season Richmond ward has enjoyed excellent Christmas programs depicting the Savior's birth and that wonderful spirit of peace on earth and good will towards man. We know that this will carry over into the new year.

The bishopric sends greetings to all the flock and prays the Lord's blessings upon Richmond ward that it may grow and fulfil its calling within the Lord's kingdom. Let us each strive to learn to acknowledge the good that is given us, and strive earnestly to perform the tasks before us that our lives might be full and fruitful in bringing on earth the Lord's kingdom of peace. —(signed) BISHOP WIGHTMAN.

Two of our MIA officers are leaving us this month. Melvin Hatch, superintendent, is moving to Walnut Creek ward, while his counselor, Ray Evans, is moving to Arizona. We will miss them very much. MIA officers and teachers, here is a reminder of the Learedship meeting, Sunday January 8, in Vallejo at 2:30.

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Napa Ward News

CATHERINE J. WOOLLEY.

Bryant Sutton Knowlton was born in Grantville, Utah, son of Frank F. and Alice Sutton Knowlton, he has three sisters and one brother. Bryant attended grammer and high School in Grantsville and then attended the University of Utah, graduating with the class of 1936. In the meantime he filled an honorable mission to the North Central States, in 1933 to 1935. After he had returned from his mission he attended a missionary reunion in Salt Lake City and there met a youn lady who had filled a mission in the same mission during the same time he was there and he wondered how he had missed her. She was Dorothy Hunn, daugter of Joseph and Ruby Simmons Hunn of Provo, Utah. Bryand and Dorothy were married in the Salt Lake Temple on June 1st, 1939. They came to Berkeley to do graduate work in the University of California and now Bryant is teaching school in Crockett. They are both energetic church workers, both having filled positions in the church. They lived in Claremont Ward and there Bryant was Sunday School Superintendent and later in the YMMIA. After living there five years, they moved to El Cerrito for four years and attended East Richmond Ward. He was S. S. Sueprintendent in East Richmond also member of the Finance committee, then 1st counselor to the Bishop and later the Bishop. He was released from that position when they moved to Napa in 1948. Recently he was sustained as 2nd counselor to Bishop Keller here in Napa ward. We are proud and happy to claim Bryant and his charming wife, Dorothy, nd their three lovely children, Pat, Dick and Frank, as members o fthe Napa Ward. Dorothy is in the presidency of the Relief Society and they are alwary very busy. When I asked Dorothy if Bryant had any hobbies, she immediately answered, 'Oh Yes, Church Work." Keep up the fine work and may our heavenly Father always bless you and yours.

We have wonderful news from the Adult Aaronic Priesthood and we know our heavenly Father is well pleased. Brother Charles Okerlund, Antony Amendola, Stanford Memmott, and Roy Stubbs have all been advanced to the office of an Elder. We are happy for these brethern and there families as we know they will be blessed for their effors and will enjoy many wonderful things for their faithfulness.

Congraulations are also in order to the Anthony Amendola's and their little son Denny, as two months old Denny Robert has come to make his home with them. Little Kenny has picked a wonderful home, the finest father and mother that he could have found and we wish them all the joy and happiness in the world. Richard Johns is home on furlough with his wife, Norma, and their three children. While home, his wife has presented him with another son. Congratulations Norma and Dick.

The M. I. A. and Primary organizations held their Christmas parties and were consiidered a huge success. Santa was present at both parties and in the M. I. A. party, gifts were exchanged and fun abounded, after which dancing was enjoyned. Santa presented the Primary and Sunday School children with bags of candy and oranges. Last Wednesday the Relief Socitey presidency entertained all the members and their husbands at a Holiday party and a wonderful time was enjoyed by all.

During the month of December, Brother John L. Murdock, representing the Stake Presidency, announced that our Brother Rex L. Bridges, who has served so faithfully during the past nine years, has been sustained as an associate member of the High Council. In Brother Bridfes remarks, he showed his humility and how obedience to the authorities of the Church brouyht him many blessinps.

Though wany times he may have questioned the calling he received, he has tried and fulfilled the position very well and he and his family have received manf wonderful blessings. Brother Bryant S. Knolton was sustained as second counselor, with Verl Taysom as first counselor to Bishop Reed W. Keller. Brother Bridges has been the Welfare work director for many years. Brother Knowlton we suggest you contact Rex and see if you can fall heir to those knee pads and his secret formula for harvesting and drying over 30 acres of prunes in just 10 days. We'll miss you, Rex, but wish you success in your new work, we know many will ge blessed by your help.

We are pleased with the time that radio station KVON is giving to the Napa ward. The Fulness of Times records are heard each Sunday evening from 9:00 to 9:30 and on Christmas night, another half hour was given for transcribed music of the tabernacle choir. Those that are missing these programs are missing a real treat.

The Bishopric and your ward reporter join in wishing all a very happy and prosperous New Year. We sincerely hope and pray that the year 1950 will see a change in the meeting place of the Napa ward. The Sunday School superintendency are fearful when they see how those walls in the hall bulge each Sunday morning. That little chapel on the hill in Napa may soon become a reality, we hope.

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Hayward Ward

MRS. ROBERT LIVINGSTON.

Bro. and Sis. Milton Ream had the rare privilege of going to Hawaii on a vacation and in doing endowment work in the beautiful Hawaiian Temple. Two Sundays there they attended services at the Waikiki ward. They met Bro. and Sis. Smith from the Oakland stake and attended the Friday night session in the Temple together. Sis. Ream says they didn't know their husbands were as blond until they saw them go through the endowment ordinance with some of our Hawaiian brothers. Sis. Ream brought gift souvenirs to the Sunday School class she teaches.

Our two full time missionaries laboring in Hayward, Elders Call and Fulmer, baptized two members into the Church December 10th. This is the first fruit of their labors here. Every Thursday night at 7:30 at the chapel the elders hold a Restitution meeting. All are invited. If you want to learn our wonderful Gospel here is your chance. The two new members are Bro. and Sis. Geo. McNeil.

On the excursion to the Manti and St .George Temples last fall Sis. Livingston became acquainted with Bro. William Stevens of Manti. an ardent temple worker. Since that excursion Bro. Stevens has done 55 male names for her, bringing his total of names done up to 2906. Bro. Stevens is crippled in both legs. When he first started work there he had to be carried—now he walks with two canes. Every day he improves. Soon he will be able to put by his canes.

The ward was shocked and grieved by the accidental death of one of our deacons. Joe Hutchings. His parents returned home from town to find him dead in the bathroom. Funeral services were held at Pratt's Mortuary. Troop 2 of the Scouts stood at attention and sounded taps for their departed member at the cemetery. We all join in sympathy for the bereaved family.

The bishopric joins in wishing all a happy and healthful New Year. They wish we would try to mold our lives this coming year to follow our Lord's commandments more fully. Let our first resolve for the New Year be, as Joshua said: "For me, and my house, we will serve the Lord."

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Alameda Ward

GAYLINE CLAYSON

December was a very full month, with parties and prograws to add to the spirit and merriment of the holiday season.

The MIA program was given December 20 under the direction of Mary Alice Knowlton and Ken Sparkman. Wayne Johns was the reader, with Emma Stam directing the choir, and also singing a beautiful solo, "Oh, Holy Night.',

Friday, December 23, the Primary enjoyed a an eventful program of entertainment, movies, tap dancing, and the grand finale appearance of Santa Claus.

The Christmas Sunday morning program featured a reading of a Christmas story by Lucile Shaw with the help of the choir. In the evening brother Foster a returned missionary, who is visiting with his daughter, Ruth Beebe, was the speaker, aided by many fine musical numbers.

A seven pound and six ounce son, Craig Fielding, was born to Nyle and Wally Seavers, December 18.

The Fireside enjoyed an evening of carol singing Christmas evening, ending up at Lola Stam's for a get-together.

Bruce Morgan who is leaving for the Southern States Mission in January, will be honored in a farewell party, Tuesday, January 17.

After three years with the major emphasis on building, the ward is now getting back to normal in many ways. Brother George Pinckney and Wayne McKinley are now in charge of ward teaching, and say they will soon have the new program underway.

A kitchen shower to equip the Alameda ward kitchen will be given some time in January.

I would like to close wy wishing everyone a bright and happy New Year. Make Tuesday nights family night at Mutual.

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We have just learned that our well-known Berkeley First warder, Preston Ericksen, son of A. D. Ericksen, former bishop of Berkeley ward, was successful in passing the recent state bar examination. Preston is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and Hastings College of Law in San Francisco.

Everybody for miles around seems to heave a sigh of relief when one of their friends who is approaching the state bar examinations, which threatens many as a Niagra Falls calamity has successfully "shot the rapids." Good luck, Pres!

Gossip is that Preston will step into the law harness via his father's law office. Best New Year's wishes to both stalwarts, will be the general sentiment, no doubt. "A. D." is currently serving the Liahona club as its president.

Pittsburg Ward

By Mrs. THOVA ASTLE

December 16 marked the celebration of the ward Talent Festival, bringing to a conclusion a very worthy endeavor that succeeded beyond expectations. A varied and entertaining program was furnished by members of other wards in the stake and outside talent from Pittsburg. Thus the budget is off to a flying start.

Recent visitors are Mrs. James Jeffs from Ogden, Utah, mother of Mrs. Lafarr Astle; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Short of Oakland, who are spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dansie. Mrs. Short is a niece of Mrs. Dansie. Ward members renewed acquaintances at Christmas morning Sunday School services with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson of Blackfoot, Idaho, and Lt. and Mrs. Angus Cannon, recently returned from Hawaii.

We are looking forward with pleasure and anticipation to the year 1950 in Pittsburg, for it promises fulfillment of many events, chief among them perhaps being the possibility of work on our chapel. Bro. Ruegg is now drawing the plans and as soon as they are completed the project will be started. Yes, it will be a happy New Year in Pittsburg.

The fast-becoming "famous" Pittsburg Ward Ladies' chorus recently presented an evening of entertainment for the members of the Pittsburg Lions club. Harry Oakes directthe singing of the chorus and special numbers were offered by Mildred Gibbs, Boots Barrus and Shirley Gibbs. The chorus also sang for the Sunday evening Sacrament services on Christmas.

Christmas messages to all members of the ward were received from our missionary. Carol Clayton, and the following former servicemen who are now all on missions: Elder Karl Boss, Switzerland; Sherwin Baer, Norway, and Robert Johnson, Netherlands.

Elmhurst Ward

RAELLEN REYNOLDS

If you are an elder or the wife of an elder, of the Elmhurst ward, and didn't attend the party given Friday evening. December 3rd, you certainly missed an evening of entertainment and dancing. Music was furnished by vocal numbers by Bro. Robert Brummett accompanied by Sis. Brush, and two duets by Bro. and Sis. Blaine Wilson, accompanied by Sis. Rowena Basinger.

A skit written and directed by Sis. Denyse Bell, concluded the program. Fifty attended and from all reports each had an enjoyable evening. If you want an evening of entertainment be sure to attend the next elders' party.

Attention those of Fireside age. A bigger and better Fireside is planned for 1950. Among the quest speakers who will be heard in the next few months are: Sis. Gwen Muir, newly returned missionary; Bro. Kirk Wimmer, M Men leader; and the two missionaries laboring in this area. Also on the agenda are a bowling party and a taffy pull. Congratulations go to Gene Bissell, newly elected Fireside president, Joyce Nelson, vice president; Rellen Reynolds. secretary; and Gloria Jacobs, treasurer.

We are especially happy to welcome Sis. Gwen Muir home from her missionary labors. We certainly missed Gwen during her absence and are glad to have her again with us.

We received a letter from Elder James McFarlane, who is now laboring in Mulhouse, France. He reports he has been traveling quite a bit and is enjoying his labors. Jim would like to dear from his friends and his address may be obtained from the Fireside secretary. Jim should be home some time in the middle of 1950.

The holiday season brought Bro. and Sis. Albert Elmer and daughter, Barbara to Elmhurst for a visit. They will stay a few weeks before returning home to Garland, Utah.

Dan Gashler, Gene Osmond and Naomi Sparks were also home from their studies at college for the holidays.

What's happened to the Elmhurst basketball rooters? Our team has had little encouragement from the sidelines. Please come out and cheer for your team. Most probably you have not seen the team in their new blue and gold suits as yet either.

Now that 1949 has drawn to a close and we look ahead to a new year, we sincerely hope that one of your New Year's resolutions will be to attend sacrament meeting, Sunday School and your other auxiliary meetings more regularly. In this way you will not only be supporting your ward, but you will be helping yourself to gain a further knowledge of the Gospel and thereby gain and increase your testimony.

Make Tuesday night the family night to Mutual.

Submitted by Shirley Kovarik, Miss Raellen Reynolds, regular ward reporter, is spending the holidays in Los Angeles.

Researcher Needed

The Messenger would like to hear from several possible researchers among us who would enjoy editing a column in The Messenger. The purpose would be to present original findings dealing largely with the local LDS stakes and their milieu and probems.

It is felt that continuous friendly, constructive research will convincingly show our strength or our strong points, and also our needs or places where improvement is needed. No doubt such a column would add interest to the Messenger and be of great cause.

Natural or trained researchers will have in mind possible ways to proceed. Many questions ripe for plucking by researchers are presenting themselves.

Replies to this call for a brand new type of activity and a challenging column in the two-stake Messenger will be held strictly confidential. May we say that be too modest. You may be just the one to do it. Here is a chance to break into print, and at the same time to render a real service. Any age, man or woman, to whom this type of opportunity appeals is invited to come and see us or write or phone for an appointment.

Vallejo Ward News

LARUE POWELL, Ph. 2-5204
144 Viewmont Avenue.

The spirit of Christmas has been among us. We have sung those beautiful songs, heard the stories and joined in the spirit of love and giving. These were among the thoughts expressed by Florence Williams at the Christmas night services. She said how wonderful it would be if all through the year. we could live the ideals set up by Jesus of Nazareth who is supreme among men and for whom the commemoration of Christmas came about.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spears were baptized on December 3 by Rudger Lee, who with his wife and family, first interested them in our church. Seeing the need for a religion in balancing their lives and that of their children, they began to attend Mutual and Sunday School. Our stake missionaries, Raymond Dow and Arthur Harvey visited their home frequently. It is a thrill to have new members among us and we know that their testimony will be increased through diligent service to God.

Announcement by the Relief Society presidency has been made of a new time schedule. The weekly lessons will be presented at 10 o,clock on Tuesday mornings. Your attendance is urged. The lessons are excellent and are presented by fine teachers such as Frances Henderson. Ilene McGuin and Florence Williams.

We sincerely extend our congratulations to the following young men who have so honored their previous calling in the Aaronic Priesthood to be deemed worthy of further advancement: Donald Stebbins. Max Yeaman and Orlyn K. Christofferson to the office of priest and Ronald D. Tomlinson to the office of teacher.

Worthy of recognition is the clever Christmas program presented by the Primary under the capable direction of Kathryn Newman. The children were outstanding in their gay costumes and did their parts in excellent fashion.

Bishop and Mrs. Henry Neering spent the recent holiday in Los Angeles.

Jack and Stella Johnson returned from Salt Lake after having spent a stormy Christmas there.

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The Chip Steak Company of California, Vao Cheney, Dimond ward, president and Jesse Cheney, San Leandro ward, vice president, with head offices at 4276 Broadway, Oakland, now supplies the state of California from San Diego to Eureka with the increasingly popular meet product, "Chip Steaks." Thirty-seven distributors operate, under franchises, their own delivery cars of the type shown above.

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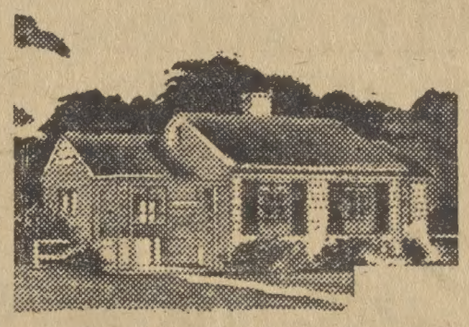

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Father Frazer, a Catholic priest, was appointed as an army chaplain early in the late war. He spent a few weeks at an army post in southern Utah. A number of Mormon boys were in this Utah group and also in other groups where he served in other western states. On the whole, they were a fine group of soldiers—clean in their living, free from profanity and vulgarity. Few of them used liquor or tobacco. These fine living young men interested Father Frazer and he became friendly towards them, and they in turn learned to like and trust him.

While in the west Father Frazer had the opportunity of visiting Salt Lake City and meeting President Heber J. Grant. President Grant impressed him favorably as a man of God, and made him feel that no people could have turned the desert into a garden, and made it "blossom like a rose," without the help of the Lord. Father Frazer left Utah with a feeling of fine appreciation for the accomplishments of the Latter-day Saints.

In the early part of 1948, Elders Maurice E. Anderson and Ralph Woodward, two Mormon missionaries, were laboring in the northern part of New York state. One of their responsibilities was to make appointments for appearances of the Utah Centennial chorus, a group of singing missionaries, before civic clubs, schools, churches and radio audiences.

There seemed to be a wall of prejudice in the northern New York towns, raised against anything that had to do with the LDS church. This seemed to be especially true in Plattsburg, which was reportedly 90 per cent Catholic.

One morning, after praying sincerely, the missionaries went out to make new contacts—the musical director of Champlain college; the president of the Rotary club, and others. All offered excuses for not being able to accept the services of the chorus and suggested other organization that might be more suitable for such a singing group to appear before.

Disheartened and discouraged, the elders started for their rooms. On the way Elder Woodward said to Elder Anderson: "Why not call upon the Catholic priest?"

When they rang the bell, Father Frazer came to the door. He surprised them by saying: "I know who you are; you are missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Come in, you are welcome!" Once inside they found the priest most friendly. He told them of his experiences in the west and particularly in Utah.

He extolled the virtues of the Latter-day Saints and then said: "What can I do to help you young men?" They stated their particular problem—their responsibility to get appointments for the Centennial Chorus. Father Frazer said that he would be glad to help them.

Before the day was over, thru the influence of this friendly priest, who had been impressed with the Mormon people of the west, appointments were made for the appearance of the chorus at two colleges and with the radio station. When the chorus appeared to keep the appointments it was greeted with large and enthusiastic audiences. As Elder Anderson related this faith promoting incident while reporting his mission, he concluded with: "We certainly realized then that the Lord works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform."

A Building Year President Todd Sends Gridley Stake News

In reply to the editor's letter, Pres. John C. Todd of Gridley stake confesses he has neglected the Messenger lately, and says:

"In looking back over 1949 accomplishments in this little stake, we might say it has certainly been a building year. Grass Valley, our little ward has finished a fine $75,000 building, details, if you wish to use some, are in Church section of October 26. Our Yuba City ward has one of the finest plants in the valley; they moved into it for Easter services. It is not finished as yet in detail, but it will cost approximately $175,000 when completed.

Gridley stake and ward have a new chapel about half finished; Chico and Oroville wards are working on their plans now and each have their sites already purchased. That comprises all the big wards in the stake. You can really see that we are new-building minded.

"Another interesting project that is doing wonders for young and old is our basketball tournament. Each ward has four teams that play an inter-ward schedule, which includes the young boys for two teams, a girls' team and a male adult team; they rotate ward to ward in playing games; after each game there are refreshments served and a short dance. You may see the write-up of this in the Church section of last Wednesday, BP page.

"We appreciate your reference to Patriarch Nielson who certainly was a fine influence for good in our stake. However, his work was finished in mortal life February 21, 1949, and our stake is now without a patriarch."

Oakland Ward

BERNADINE M. ADAMS, TW. 3-4861

Chris Daniel Fernstein is the newcomer at Sarah's and Dan's house. Chris was blessed by his father, on January 1st. Our welcome and congratulations go out to the Fernstens.

Bert and Ione Wheabel are also proud parents of a beautiful baby girl. Melody is their daughter's name. Melody's brother, Michael, also welcomed the new arrival.

Holiday greetings were received from Roy and Louise Rickter and news that they too have an addition, Marylouise. Those who remember the Rickters will be happy to receive these greetings, for they are now residing in Los Angeles.

Our two recently returned missionaries, Vic Grow and Ruhlon Ogden, are being kept very active in our ward activities. It is grand to have them in our midst again. Welcome home boys.

Word has been received from Jayson Sorenson, in the Denmark Mission and Norman Stockton in South Africa. Both boys report that they are enjoying their labors immensely, and send new year greetings from the faraway lands.

Christmas and New Year greetings were also received from the Mauss family in Japan. We, too, wish to send them the best for this new year and pray that they will have the Lord's blessings with them always.

Our Christmas pageant, presented by the MIA officers and teachers and the Christmas cantata presented by the ward choir, were both successful and greatly enjoyed.

Remember our Ward Leadership meetings on the fourth Thursday of every month. Let us strive to make this new year a successful one by attending all our meetings.

This reporter and everyone in the Oakland ward wish to extend New Year greetings to all of their friends and to everyone. May they have happiness and the Lord,s blessings with them.

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Hayward Mormoneer Questions Non-Church People Partaking of Our Sacrament

The December issue of the Hayward ward mimeo organ called, "The Mormoneer," ably edited by Dr. Leo J. Perry calls up the propriety of allowing non-church people in our meetings to partake of the LDS sacrament. It is an interesting article.

Paul's words to the Corinthian's (I Cor. 11: 26-30) are quoted warning against partaking of the bread and water in this sacrament unworthily. Likewise is quoted the Lord's personal words to the same effect as recorded in III Nephi: 18. Also mention is made of D & C 45:4.

Dr. Perry concludes: "Therefore, members having non-member friends or relatives with them when attending services should refrain them from partaking of the sacrament." These good non-members see no harm in joining in this service with us, unless it is explained to them, argues Elder Parry.

Finally, attention is called in the article referred to to the desirability of members reading over occasionally the prayers on the bread and water, so that we may be sure we are partaking of them in the worthy manner specified therein.

It is a thought provoking contribution. Correspondence is invited from our readers on this subject.

Carquinez Ward

MARJORIE Y. NELSON.

Inquiries have been made regarding the absence of our ward news in the last edition of The Messenger. Your reporter feels she should let you know that althouhg this was the time when our little baby was born, the news was submitted.

The little baby mentioned in the above paragraph is Deborah Nelson who is the daughter of Reed and Marjorie Nelson and sister of Ronnie Her daddy will give her her name and a Father's blessing at the Fast Day meeting to be held in January.

Good news has come that Frank and Katherine Reed and their children are moving back from Santa Rosa. The ward will surely welcome them home.

Our ward is indeed happy to have a representative on the stake high council. At the last Conference, Dr. T. Cleon Fitt was sustained to this position. Although his work as a research man for the American Smelting and Refining Company has taken him to Salt Lake, Tacoma, Washington, and now to Selby, he has always found time, as well as the desire, to seek out the Church and participate in its octivities. He has held various offices wherever he has been located and has enjoyed the spirit of the Gospel throughout his life.

His life started in the little town of Orangeville, Utah. He graduated from the University of Utah where he received his B. S. Degree. From there, he went to Columbia University in New York City, majoring in pure chemistry and receiving his M. S. and Ph. D. Degrees. His wife Hope, who s a registered nurse, filled a mission for the Church to the Western States. They have five fine young sons, and theirs' is indeed a typical Mormon family wherein the love of the Gospel abides.

The year 1949 has ended with much gayety. The different organizations held Christmas parties, the young people went caroling, and a semi-formal dance was held on the 30th. We feel that these activities help our ward maintain its closely knit and cooperative relationship with one another. We feel we should recognize the very fine efforts of our Bishopric and all the officers throughout the ward for their earnest endeavors in futhering the Lord's work.

Brother Von Nielsen gave the Christmas address at the Sacrament service on Christmas day. He recalled to mind that the greatest of all things is charity, and charity, as defined by Moroni, is the pure love of Christ. Let us all remember this fine counsel as a new year begins and do our utmost in serving Him. The MIA chorus rendered the music at this evening meeting, and it indeed should be congratulated on the lovely carols it presented.

An outstanding achievement has again been reached by five of our young people. Franklin Junior High School awarded scholarship certificates to 35 students, and five of this number were LDS girls—Lois Telford, Nancy Hacking, Ruth Hacking, Jennie Brown, and Nellie Kershaw.

We sincerely hope that Sister Bonnie Pedersen will soon be back with us. Her illness that came just at Christmastime brought sorrow to all, but we wish her the blessing of good health for the New Year.

And to you all, may we wish the blessings of the Lord on you for a very Happy New Year.

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San Leandro Ward

VERNA JACKSON

Our Relief Society singing mothers are to be highly commended for the lovely Christmas program they presented December 18, 1949. It was directed by Verna Jackson, with Theresa Sims at the organ. "The Greatest Story Ever Told.', was beautifully given by Helene Christensen.

Four days later the Primary children did themselves proud with their Christmas program. Needless to state, the program was thoroughly enjoyed.

THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE

The beginning of a new year always brings with it recollections of those things which have taken place during the year. We also look forward to what lies ahead; we must especially do this as we look forward to another 50 years.

San Leandro ward can feel gratified over the accomplishments of 1949. Activity here has been very high. We can all rejoice because our building fund growth has been so successful and that we soon will be meeting in our own place. Building program participation, welfare work and also softball and basketball games have all made for greater friendship, growth and development. It is our hope that having our own building will stimulate and further increase the fine spirit that exists.

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To the Reverent Soul

From Napa's 'Zionette', Oct. 2, '49

The following is taken from "Rays of Living Light" by C. W. Penrose.

"At the first glance this Doctrine may strike the Modern Christian mind as new and dangerous but the more it is investigated in all its bearings and clearer its truth is made apparent, and the more glorious it bcomes.

"The thought that those who receive and obey the Gospel of Christ in its fullness while in the flesh, can aid in the work of redemption for their ancestors, who are in the spirit world, is most delightful to the reverent soul. It shows the value of those genealogies which Israel, the covenant people of God, were moved upon in olden times to preserve. It stimulates the faithful in Christ to good works that they may become 'Saviors on Mount Zion.' It explains how the nations composed of millions upon millions of souls that never heard the gospel or the name of Jesus Christ may ultimately be redeemed and made heirs of salvation.

The ordinances for the dead as revealed from heaven to the Prophet Joseph Smith must be attended to in the way provided by the Lord or they will not be accepted of Him. They must be administered in sacred places, built accordingly to heavenly pattern and administered by those who have authority to loose on earth and it shall be loosed in heaven to seal on earth and it shall be sealed in heaven,.

"Persons who have themselves complied with the requirements of the gospel, may be baptised and administered to in other necessary ordinances for and in behalf of their departed kindred and ancestors, as far back as their line of progenitors can be ascertained.

"Baptism of water and the Spirit whether living or the dead, provides a way whereby, those who have partaken of this, first, or spiritual death may again come back into spiritual life which leads to the presence of God.

"Quoting the Phophet's words. "Every man that has been baptized and belongs to the kingdom has a right to be baptised for those who have gone before; and as soon as the law of the Gospel is obeyed here by their friends who act as proxy for them, the Lord has administrators there to set them free. The ordinances of the Gospel which were laid out before the foundation of the world have thus been fulfilled by them."

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Dimond Ward

STELLA HOOPES.

Too late for last month's news but right on time, on November 29, Mr. Stork presented the William Powells with their fourth bundle of joy. Welcome to Dimond, John Russell.

On December 9 the Dimond high priests entertained their wives in fine style with a smorgaasbord dinner and program. Knute Torgersen gave a song and dance. Our most talented readers, Ruth Hilton and Margaret Bennion, gave numbers and the three youngest member of the Clyde Russell family brought a bit of Scotland to the party in a song and dance. Mary Russell showd the movies she brought home from England.

On December 11 at Sacrament meeting Sister Fitzpatrick told about her Spanish-American mission and Mary Russell gave us more of her experiences in England.

December 12th was an exciting day for Duane and Marjorie Crooks. They are the proud parents of the third set of twins in Dimond ward. Brent, 5 pounds 13 ounces and Bruce, 5 pounds. The best of everything to those new babies and their families.

December 13th the Special Interest class had a very interesting program. Tom Ferguson was able to get Paul Hansen of the Reorganized Church to come and show slides of his travels among South American ruins left by the prehistoric Incas.

The closing Relief Society of '49 was a Christmas party in honor of past officers wo were presented with small tokens of thanks. Past officers released were Marvis Humphreys, Ruth Hilton, Erva Wilson, Marjorie Nielson, Elsie Lyons, Mary Shurtleff. Visiting teachers served a hot lunch.

Two nights before Christmas Bromwell Cox was seriously injured in an automobile accident. He is in Oakland's Veteran Hospital with a brain concussion. His brother, Sydney, was also injured. A word of prayer from their many friends in Dimond will be greatly appreciated.

The Primary Christmas party was very successful. Santa was there with candy and nuts for the kiddies The woman in the shoe wa was the program theme.

In behalf of tee Mutual officers I take tis opportunity to thank each and everyone who took part in the Mutual Christmas festival.

We were happy to see the following home from BYU for the holidays: Richard Phelps, Lou Anne Wright, Phillip and Eugene Humphreys, Lorraine Hunt and Bonnie Kitzberger.

Thurza Boyle was happy to have her daughter, Ruth, and husband, Claude Lundquist, with her over the holidays. Their many friends of Dimond were glad to see them again. Ralph and Jane Lauper were visiting in the Bay area over the holidays. Their many friends were happy to see them. Margaret Bennion enjoyed a visit from her father during Christmas. Melba Rainey has her nephew, Theron Sainsbury from Washington, with her. At present he is with the navy. Melba, with Eva Madsen. her assistant in Junior Sunday School, entertained the first intermediate class at a Christmas party.

The Fireside group went Christmas caroling. They warmed up at the Van Noys with refreshments. December 27th the Junior girls and explorers had a roller skating party, and a wonderful time.

On January 4th a farewell was held for Lewis Jackson. He leaves for the Uraguain mission soon.

If at any time any member has any news please call me, thank you.

A very happy New Year to all.

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Alameda's New Beauty And Barber Shop

Last October Mary and Ray Keena from Provo, Utah, opened their Beauty and Barber shop at 1719 Lincoln avenue, Alameda. We learn that they conducted their business in Provo before coming to California, and that Mrs. Keena's brother, Eccles Cameron, is one of Provo's bishops.

The Keena family is domiciled at the same number on Lincoln, and seem to be happy in "sunny" Alameda. But we hope that this mild winter weather has not mislead them as to what may happen another year in California. We welcome them to Oakland stake and to Alameda ward.

Notes On A Stay In England

(By Dr. Robert G. Larsen after several months in England for the Shell Oil company).

The biggest thrill of any trip is the return home, especially when part of the family has been left behind. So when we arrived in New York in mid-November after having been in England since May, we were not only excited at being home again, but were anxious to pick up our babies and become a whole family again.

There was something different about America after all; the people were busier and thriving. They seemed to know where they are going, but they are less courteous. By contrast, our friends in Europe seemed to be pursuing their goals in a less energetic and decisive manner. But they are happy and seem to have a bit more time for kindness to each other than we do.

In England we lived in Chester, a very old city surrounded by a wall originally built by the Romans a few years after the death of Christ. Even in six months we didn't fully explore the city—which is about the size of Berkeley—since there is so much to see in such a small area. Churches and cathedrals occupy a prominent place among the sights of England, but no one should overlook the beautiful lakes in the north, complete with mountains, or the hills of Wales.

We found our church people there as they are everywhere, friendly, humble, sincere and, perhaps, closer to the gospel than we are. But the spirit of gathering is very strong and we saw several families leave their homeland for what we know to be far less beautiful and pleasant surroundings. We admired their courage in breaking their home ties and leaving their jobs to come to a new land and begin again, often at fairly advanced age.

Everyone asks about the food in England; it is adequate but monotonous and pretty ghastly to an American. It is not so much the raw materials as it is the finished product. Our standards of sanitation and cookery do not find a counterpart there. Good meats and fats are the more difficult to obtain; sweets apparently being adequate.

Socialized medicine is accepted but is not working too well. One apparent difficulty is that there are not sufficient doctors (by our standards) to begin with; now the shortages are so acute and the waiting lists of patients so long that many middleclass folks go "private" rather than on the plan, and then do not get the protection the plan should provide. Abuses of course are prevalent, overburdening the overworked medics.

Socialization is not so basic a difficulty as politics. The leadership is not putting national welfare ahead of winning elections. Stronger leadership is needed.

While so close, we of course visited the continent, from Norway to Italy. For scenery, it was a toss up between the fjords of Norway and the alpine villages of Switzerland. Among cities, Paris is the queen. Everywhere the food was good but expensive; travel is much dearer than here in America.

The way of America is best; we look ahead more than behind. We have more equality of rights; freedom of determination; but we must guard these things and be careful to act as a great nation at all times. Everyone seems to agree that we have acted in this way since the war.

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One of the most significant farewells of recent years was the testimonial given December 16, 1949 in the Berkeley second ward in honor of Claude Dewsnup who served many years as bishop of Richmond ward.

ELDER CLAUDE DEWSNUP

Within the year Elder Dewsnup lost his good wife, Nettie, after her near year-long illness. Retired and alone, since all the children are married, he readily accepted a call from Bishop Green to fill a full-time mission. He left early in January for the mission home in Salt Lake City and has been assigned to labor in Great Britain.

At the farewell Bishop Dewsnup related the contents of a patriarchial blessing given him many years ago in Sacramento in which he was told that he should preach the gospel to eastern people related to the Jews and bring converts with him to Zion.

All wish our missionary God speed.

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Donna Wall, Gifted Violinist to be Presented as Concert Artist by Music Department, College of Holv Names

Donna Lee Wall, talented and generous violinist, residing in the Oakland ward, has been featured during December on the annual concert series of the music department of the College of the Holy Names on the shores of Lake Merritt, Oakland.

The main opportunity for Donna is yet to come. On Sunday afternoon, January 22, at 3:15, Donna is scheduled as the main attraction of the week when she will be accompanied by Sylvia Amona in a recital of violin numbers. Filling out the delightful program will also be heard a vocal ensemble and also the orchestra conducted by H. C. Trutner. Friends will be welcome at the college auditorium, Webster at 20th St.

Her many admirers who have often on church programs enjoyed her rare talent on the violin will be pleased to learn that this concert series will be in fulfillment of the college's requirements for the Bachelor of Music degree for Donna.

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Members of Berkeley Stake Primary Shown In one of the Tableaux of the Christmas Pageant Presented at December Union Meeting

Left to right: Lula Borkman, Bertha Green, Beth Pierce, Margaret Davis, Lela Kaufman, Jan Hollender, Lila Holfeltz, Jean Smith (on floor), Grace Clark, Marjean Wall. Under the direction of Stake Primary president, Annetta Wood,, Berkeley Stake Board entertained the Ward Primary officers and teachers with a fine Christmas pageant at the Berkeley chapel. The pageant was written and directed and was staged by several ward Primary teachers.

Each ward Primary brought gifts which were sent to the Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City to help make a merry Christmas for the little patients. At the close of the program refreshments were served from table beautifully decorated with Christmas candles and berries.

Thrilling Testimonies of Eye Witnesses

Peter and John Continued As Long As They Lived to Bear Fervent Testimony That They Had Truly Beheld The Glory of the Son of God in the Flesh. The Declarations Here Presented Were Written When Peter and John Were Near the End of Their Ministries.

JOHN THE APOSTLE

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not. . . .

That was the true Light that lighteth every man that ometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on his name. . . .

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. —John 1: 1-14.

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PETER

He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answered and said, Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God.

Jesus answered and said, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona, . . . flesh and blood hath not revealed it to thee, but my Father which art in heaven. —Matt. 16:15-17.

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PETER

Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them,

Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance. . . .

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well plased.

And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

—II Peter 1: 13, 15-18.

A Good King by a Glorious Angel

King Benjamin, Also a Nephite Man of God, Learned Directly From An Angel the Fullness Of Christ Coming and His Messiaihship, Below is Printed One of the Gems of Christian Literature.

KING BENJAMIN, THE NEPHITE PROPHET

Again, me brethren, I would call your attention, for I have somewhat more to speak unto you. . . .

And the things which I shall tell you are made known unto me by an angel from God. And he said unto me, Awake; and I awoke, and behold, he stood before me.

And he said unto. . . . I have come to declare unto you the glad tidings of great joy. . . .

For behold, the time cometh, and is not far distant, that with power the Lord Omnipotent who reigneth, who was, and is from all eternity to all eternity, shall come down from heaven among the children of men, and shall dwell in a tabernacle of clay, and shall go forth among the children of men, working mighty miracles, such as healing the sick, raising the dead, causing the lame to walk, and the blind to receive their sight, and the deaf to hear, and curing all manner of disases.

And he shall cast out devils, or the evil spirits that dwell in the hearts of the children of men.

And lo, he shall suffer temptation, and pain of body, hunger, thirst, and fatigue, even more than man can suffer, except it be unto death; for behold, blood cometh from every pore, so great shall be his anguish for the wickedness and abominations of his people.

And he shall be called Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of heaven and earth, the Creator of all things from the beginning, and his mother shall be called Mary.

And lo, he cometh unto his own that salvation might come unto the children of men even through faith in his name; and even after all this they shall consider him a man, and say that he hath a devil, and shall scourge him, and shall crucify him.

And he shall rise the third day from the dead, and behold he standeth to judge the world; and behold, all these things are done that a righteous judgment might come upon the children of men.

For behold, and also his blood atoneth for the sins of all those who have fallen by the transgression of Adam, who have died not knowing the will of God concerning them, or who have ignorantly sinned.

But wo, wo unto him who knoweth that he rebelleth against God! For salvation cometh to none except it be through repentance and faith on the Lord Jesus Christ.

—Mosiah 3:1-12.

BYU Femininity . . . and so Forth

By MILDRED MORGAN
Alameda Ward

Recently I had the privilege of reading a letter from one of the boys attending BYU, and I quote the following from it. (It is self explanatory.)

We had the privilege of attending the Campus Branch Sunday school; it was truly an inspiring service with more than 100 students from all parts of the world in attendance. The services are planned and conducated solely by the students, although visiting authorities are sometimes called in to speak.

This morning the meeting was the most edifying I have attended in years—of course this last expression was strongly influenced by the unusual number of pretty girls in the audience No fooling, never in my life had I seen such a dazzling array of feminity. Of course, I realize these BYU girls represent a cross-section of the nation's best.

Just from casual observation, if a fellow cannot find a suitable mate here, he may as well give up the idea.

Incidentally, the whole program here is ingeniously designed to promote matrimonial ideas among our young people. And believe me, they take pains to see that you find what you are looking for, even to the extent of listing all the student body names, addresses and telephones in a public place on the campus.

It's no wonder this school has been called a matrimonial bureau. But despite the disparaging remarks which might be said about this "meddling faculty," there is a friendly, wholesome spirit here which is hard to beat.

I am going to try my toe at football; have been training and believe I have won a place on the frosh team.

How'd they all get Tickets?

Here Are Some of the Lucky Guys that Went To Rose Bowl Game

George Boyd went down with the Joseph Eyrings, while the Dunhams took their family; and so did the Albert Brabys. Don and Annetta Wood took the whole Wood-y tribe, including their married daughter, Margery, from Salt Lake City and her hubby, Earl Remington. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor took some sort of a cross country route to the Pasadena town from Salt Lake City.

Among the single sports, male and female, not already included, who burned up the road to the south were Doug Haynes, Luana Ross, Ruth Cain, Bill Burnham, Darrel Dangerfield, Laurine Miles, Joan Hickman, Scott Bybee, Ken Schneider, Arthur Wood, Franklin Millward, John Widtfeld, Donna Ericksen, Woodrow Bates, Cal and Harold Simons, Bill Vaughn, Jasper Hogeweide, Jack Smith, Gloria Jacobs, Flory Ann McAllister, Joyce Hill, Lyle and Carma Fackrell, and Neil Christensen.

LDS Institute News

(By NEIL CHRISTENSEN).

The Berkeley Institute students returned happy but tired from the Rose Bowl game in Pasadena and began "cramming" for final examinations.

This month begins the fourth, or senior year, of service of the Berkeley Institute to many hundreds of LDS students at the University of California, Stanford and San Jose State Colege. It would be difficult to say how many hundred alumni the Institute already has, but graduates are plentiful. For example, Richard Poll, on the BYU staff after receiving his Ph. D. here, just visited us while attending professional conferences in this area.

After final university examinations and a brief vacation this month, LDS students will register for the Spring semester and the usual number of new faces are expected, also, to share in the educational and social programs of the Institute.

Architect Ruegg is rechecking plans already prepared for the Claremont ward chapel. It is reported that work will soon begin at the site of Stuart street, near Telegraph, in Berkeley.

Plans are also underway for refurbishing the outside of the Pittsburg chapel and fixing up the Recreation hall. Complete plans for Pittsburg building program await final legal title to the property.

SUP TREK TO BE PART OF CALIFORNIA CENTENNIAL

(From the Los Angeles, "California Intermountain News")

The Mormon Battalion trek slated for March 13 to 19, 1950, will be a highlight of the California Centennial celebration for 1950, according to Edward T. Perkins, president of the Los Angeles Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Mr. Perkins was in Salt Lake City last week to confer with SUP leaders.

Richard A. Lambert, vice-president of the Utah SUP organization and chairman of the trek committee, met with Mr. Perkins and outlined a schedule for the March event. The trek will parallel the last leg of the 2000-mile infantry march of the battalion from Council Bluff, Iowa, to California.

Present plans concerning the trek include a march through San Diego, Los Angeles and San Bernardino.

PAGEANT SLATED

Ten chartered buses carrying 370 SUP members and their wives will pick up the battalion trail at Tucson and will arrive in San Diego, March 16. The "battalion" will march to Balboa Park and give a pageant in the evening at the site of the Mormon Battalion Monument.

They will also visit the San Luis Rey Mission where the Battalion first saw the Pacific Ocean.

Continuing along the coast toward Los Angeles, the trekkers will visit the mission at San Juan Capistrano. At Los Angeles they will be feted at a banquet and program at the Los Angeles stake center. The next day they will march through the city to Fort Moore Hill, the point where the Battalion raised the first United States flag in California.

GOVERNOR, MAYOR TO ATTEND RITES

Memorial services will be held at the site of a proposed monument near the city hall where celebrities including Gov. Earl Warren, Mayor Fletcher Bowron and others will pay tribute to the original members of the Battalion.

The trekkers will participate in the National Orange show at San Bernardino. The day they are to arrive has been set aside as "California Mormon Day." The California Centennial Commission will cooperate.

San Joaquin Stake; Notes from the Great Valley

By W. AIRD MACDONALD

Pres. Albert B. Grandall, counselor in the Stake Presidency, was released at the recent stake conference. He has moved to Sacramento due to business activities. Clifton A Rooker, of the Stake High Council, was chosen to succeed him.

Two new members were also sustained to the Stake High Council: Dr. Glenn P. Vincent and Frank C. Higham. Dr. Vincent, formerly a member of the Stake Presidency of the San Francisco Stake, has recently moved to Modesto and opened medical offices. Elder Higham was a member of the Seventies' presidency.

A regional meeting of the four stakes, Northern California Welfare Region, was held in Sacramento Saturday, Nov. 5th. Elder Marion G. Romney and Irwin B. Nydegger of the General Committee presented the proposed welfare budget for 1950 which consists largely of beef and barley.

A new regional coordinator, Howard B. Stone of Stockton, was sustained, with the release of Clifton A. Rooker, recently chosen as a member of the San Joaquin Stake Presidency.

Stockton ward is well represented at the BYU at Provo this year by Don W. Driggs, Richard Ricks, Paul Mendenhall, Robert Driggs and Fred Stone.

This stake now has two missionaries in Urugauy, South America, Sheldon Nicolaysen of Modesto, left November 5th and will join Ted Shumway of Stockson.

(Sorry this stick of news was inadvertently omitted from our December issue. Sorry, "Mac." Come again and we'll do it right. W. Aird started the Messenger.

Well Trained Professional Chiropody, Foot Surgery, Now Represented Among The Local Colony

Graduating with the highest grade average among a class of 55, and winner of an award as outstanding clinician entitling him to free tuition in the graduate school of the California College of Chiropody, one of only six recognized professional colleges in the nation, comes Dr. Pierce D. Nelson to open an office in San Leandro in the new year 1950. The degree bears the title, "Doctor of Surgical Chiropody."

This is the sort of high standing professionals that the local colony is pleased to welcome among their numbers. Coming from Idaho where he taught in secondary schools, Dr. Nelson has had three years daily college clinical work and two years connections with the Laguna Honda Hospital in San Francisco in training for his chosen profession.

Mrs. Nelson, whom he married in Idaho, is currently teaching in the public schools of East Oakland. Both hope to have more time soon for ward work in their home ward, Elmhurst.

We learn that Dr. Nelson shares waiting rooms with one of our dentists, Dr. Vernon Langdon at 1675 East 14th street San Leandro.

Catholics Attack LDS Missionaries

Lloyd Johnson, Berkeley stake high councilman, is spending a few weeks in Mexico amid the Book of Mormon ruins. In a letter to the Messenger editor, Bro. Johnson sent best season's greetings to the stake presidency, members of the high council and all members and friends in the east bay.

Lloyd's letter contained minute details of the brutal beating of two LDS lady missionaries by a Catholic mob, led by a Catholic priest. The girls were imprisoned in a dark room for four hours before they narrowly escaped with their lives. Lloyd was able, a few days later, to cheer the girls up by treating them to a good meal.

Dimond Ward Boasts of Regularly Licensed Entertainment Agency Among Its Members

When I got on the trail of what read "The England Entertainment Agency," through the Dimond ward directory, memories came thick and fast. Could this be the daughter-in-law of my old well-beloved friend, James England, one of the old wheel horses of Dimond?

A little investigation revealed that my surmize was correct. But that was just the beginning for Esther England, the proprietor of the England Entertainment Agency, herself has been carrying a full program of community service in her chosen field as an entertainer. In fact she can now count six active years' service in the veterans' hospitals in the bay area, and is currently entertainment chairman for the tenth district of the American Legion and has served two years as chairman of the Red Cross for Oak Knoll Hospital.

A year ago she decided to take out all the necessary licenses to open her own booking agency for professional entertainers and orchestras. Just for fun I opened the yellow pages of my telephone directory and sure enough their was the listing, big as life.

Upon being questioned, Mrs. Esther England confessed that she would be very appreciative to be of service to our own Church organizations and homes, and at minimum prices in all cases. She seems to wish to be of real service.

Conference Dates

Quarterly Conference dates for 1950:

Berkeley: Feb. 11-12; April 29-30; August 26-27; November 11-12.

Oakland: January 21-22; April 1-2; June 24-25; October 21-22.

In each stake the second and fourth conferences in the year are welfare conferences.

Church General Conference, 1950
April 6-9, September 29.

Auxiliary General Conferences:
R. S. Conference, Sept. 27-28.
Primary Conference, April 4-5.
MIA Conference, June 15-18.
Sunday School Con., April 9.